

HOUSE BILL 2433

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 5, Chapter 5, Part 1; Title 6; Title 7, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 58, Chapter 2, relative to disaster preparation and preparedness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 3-1-1\_\_.

(a) Every member of the General Assembly shall be provided with at least four (4) hours of disaster awareness education each year. The disaster awareness education provided to each member of the General Assembly under this section shall include an overview of the emergency preparedness plan or interjurisdictional emergency management agreement that is prepared or entered into by the county or counties located in the member's district pursuant to § 58-2-110. The disaster awareness education shall be provided by the Tennessee emergency management agency (TEMA) with the assistance of the directors of the county emergency management agencies and interjurisdictional emergency management agencies.

(b) TEMA shall provide every member of the general assembly with an identification card that allows emergency response personnel, and the general public, to easily identify each member as a government official.

(c) Every member of the general assembly is encouraged to take the Red Cross Disaster Training Program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 5-5-1\_\_.

(a) Every member of a county legislative body shall be provided with at least four (4) hours of disaster awareness education each year. The disaster awareness education provided to each member of a county legislative body under this section shall include an overview of the emergency preparedness plan or interjurisdictional emergency management agreement that is prepared or entered into by the county where the member serves pursuant to § 58-2-110. The disaster awareness education shall be provided by the Tennessee emergency management agency (TEMA) with the assistance of the directors of the county emergency management agencies and interjurisdictional emergency management agencies.

(b) TEMA shall provide every member of a county legislative body with an identification card that allows emergency response personnel, and the general public, to easily identify each member as a government official.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 6-54-1\_\_.

(a) Every member of a municipal legislative body shall be provided with at least four (4) hours of disaster awareness education each year. The disaster awareness education provided to each member of a municipal legislative body under this section shall include an overview of the emergency preparedness plan or interjurisdictional emergency management agreement that is prepared or entered into by the county where the municipality in which the member serves is located pursuant to § 58-2-110. The disaster awareness education shall be provided by the Tennessee emergency

management agency (TEMA) with the assistance of the directors of the county emergency management agencies and interjurisdictional emergency management agencies.

(b) TEMA shall provide every member of a municipal legislative body with an identification card that allows emergency response personnel, and the general public, to easily identify each member as a government official.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 7-7-1\_\_.

(a) Every member of any metropolitan government's legislative body shall be provided with at least four (4) hours of disaster awareness education each year. The disaster awareness education provided to each member of a metropolitan government's legislative body under this section shall include an overview of the emergency preparedness plan or interjurisdictional emergency management agreement that is prepared or entered into by the metropolitan government where the member serves pursuant to § 58-2-110. The disaster awareness education shall be provided by the Tennessee emergency management agency (TEMA) with the assistance of the directors of the county emergency management agencies and interjurisdictional emergency management agencies.

(b) TEMA shall provide every member of a metropolitan government's legislative body with an identification card that allows emergency response personnel, and the general public, to easily identify each member as a government official.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-106(b)(1)(F), is amended by adding the following language between the word "decisions" and the punctuation ";":

. The agency shall establish procedures whereby members of the general assembly are notified, to the extent practicable, of plans to communicate emergency instructions, or other information, via the emergency communications and warning system

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-106, is amended by designating the existing subsection (b)(19) as (b)(20) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b)(19):

(b)(19) Create unique identification cards that allow emergency response personnel, and the general public, to easily identify the holder as a government official and issue the cards to members of the general assembly and local legislative bodies.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.